IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL
TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE K.C. BHANU

WRIT PETITION NO : 6957 of 2005

Between:

V. Mallikarjuna Rao S/o. Sri Venkateswara Rao
C/o. Balaji Transport, Eluru Road, Tadepalligudem,
R/o. Tadepalligudem, West Godavari District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Executive Director (O) A.P.S.R.T.C. West Godavari Region, Eluru, West Godavari District.
2 The Regional Manager, A.P.S.R.T.C. West Godavari Region, Eluru, West Godavari District.

.....RESPONDENT(S)

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue a Writ Order or direction(s) essentially in the nature of Writ of Mandamus directing the respondents No. 1 and 2 to extend the Agreement entered by the writ petitioner with the A.P.S.R.T.C. ('Corporation') on 22-3-2004 for hiring the passenger bus belonging to the writ petitioner bearing Registration No. AP37U 6499 till end of June 2005 or any other subsequent dates as being done in other similarly placed cases by holding the action of the respondents in not doing so as arbitrary, discriminatory and violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India.

Counsel for the Petitioner: MR.SATISH DESHPANDEY

Counsel for the Respondent No.: MR.R.MANMADHA REDDY (SC FOR APSRTC)

The Court, at the admission stage, made the following :

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ORAL ORDER:

This writ petition is filed seeking a Mandamus to direct the respondents to extend the agreement entered into by the petitioner with A.P.S.R.T.C. on 22.3.2004 till the end of June, 2005 for hiring the passenger bus bearing Registration No. AP37U 6499 belonging to the petitioner.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned standing counsel for the respondents and perused the material on record.

The grievance of the petitioner is that the respondent-Corporation has not extended his contract till the end of the June, 2005 as was done in the cases of other similarly situated bus owners. For that purpose, the petitioner made a representation, dated 25.2.2005 to the respondents-Corporation, but so far no orders thereon have been passed. Therefore, he seeks appropriate directions to the respondents.

Without entering into the merits of the case, I consider it appropriate to direct the respondents-Corporation to take appropriate decision on the petitioner's representation, dated 25.2.2005 within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

The writ petition is disposed of in terms of the above direction. In the circumstances of the case, there shall be no order as to costs.

_____ (K.C. BHANU, J.)

1st April, 2005

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To

1 The Executive Director (O) A.P.S.R.T.C. West Godavari Region, Eluru, West Godavari District.
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